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TO: California Children's Services (CCS) Program Administrators and Medical Consultants and Children's Medical Services (CMS) Regional Office Staff

SUBJECT: CCS PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (PICU) STANDARDS

The criteria for hospital participation in the CCS program as a PICU have been revised and updated to reflect the current standards of pediatric care and to assure that the highest quality of health care is provided to infants, children and adolescents with a wide range of complex, progressive, rapidly changing, medical surgical and traumatic disorders. You will find enclosed a copy of the revised PICU Standards, Chapter 3.32 of the CCS Manual of Procedures.

The changes in the PICU standards are effective the date of this letter. All pending applications will be reviewed based on the revised standards. PICUs with current CCS approval will be asked to reapply to assure that care provided in these facilities meet the revised standards and that hospitals understand the requirements of participation in the CCS program (Section C of the standards).

If you have any questions, please contact the CMS Regional Office for your area.

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Enclosure